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HICKAM AFB HAWAII FOR AIRCRAFT COMMANDER SAM 86972

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM CANBERRA DATED MAY 16, 1978 SENT
SECSTATE WASHDC INFO MELBOURNE, PACAF HICKAM AFB HI IS
REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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PACAF FOR GOVERNOR HARRIMAN'S CONTROL OFFICER
OPCTR PLEASE ALERT EA/ANP WAJDA AND PASS TO GOVERNOR
HARRIMAN'S AIRCRAFT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (HARRIMAN, GOVERNOR AVERELL), AS

SUBJECT: MENZIES FUNERAL/GOVERNOR HARRIMAN'S MISSION/GOA LIAISON
OFFICER

1. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DESIGNATED USA COUNTRY
DIRECTOR EDWIN RIDE AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR GOVERNOR
HARRIMAN AND HIS PARTY.

2. RIDE, ONE OF OUR BEST CONTACTS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE,
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WILL MEET THE GOVERNOR'S AIRCRAFT UPON ARRIVAL IN
CANBERRA, AND WILL BE CHARGED WITH MAKING AVAILABLE TO
THE GOVERNOR AND HIS PARTY WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THEY
REQUIRE. RIDE WILL ALSO PLAN ON BEING IN MELBOURNE,
AND WILL SUPERVISE GOA ARRANGEMENTS AFFECTING GOVERNOR
HARRIMAN'S PARTY. WE SPECIFICALLY WILL NEED TO DEPEND
UPON THE GOA FOR TRANSPORTATION WHILE IN MELBOURNE.

3. FOR THE SAKE OF CONVENIENCE TO GOVERNOR HARRIMAN AND HIS DELEGATION, EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT A PLACE BE PROVIDED FOR RIDE TO TRAVEL FROM CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE AND BACK ON BOARD THE GOVERNOR'S SAM AIRCRAFT. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF CONVENIENT AIR CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CANBERRA AND MELBOURNE, IT WILL OTHERWISE BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO DEPEND UPON NECESSARY GOA BACKSTOPPING IN MELBOURNE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PERMISSION TO OFFER RIDE SPACE ON BOARD GOVERNOR HARRIMAN'S AIRCRAFT FOR THE MAY 19 FLIGHTS FROM CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE AND RETURN. IF ANY WAIVERS OF RESPONSIBILITY ARE REQUIRED PLEASE ADVISE.
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